

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

Jim Mao, et al.

Application No: 09/874,738

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For: Method and Apparatus For Egress  
Channel Architecture That Supports  
Protection Within SONET/SDH  
Based Networks

Examiner: Nguyen, P.B.

Art Unit: 2665

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 AFTER ALLOWANCE**

Dear Sir:

Although the above-identified application has been allowed, the Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 as indicated in the following paragraphs.

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